

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Pursuant to Section 19.84 Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the **Brown County Human Services Committee** was held on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 in Room 200 of the Northern Building, 305 E. Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Present: Chair Evans, Supervisor Hoyer, Supervisor Haefs, Supervisor Robinson, Supervisor La Violette
Also Present: Erik Pritzl, Luke Schubert, Cressie Birder and other interested parties.

I. Call Meeting to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Evans at 5:30 p.m.

II. Approve/Modify Agenda.

Motion made by Supervisor La Violette, seconded by Supervisor Hoyer to approve. Vote taken.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

III. Approve/Modify Minutes of October 20, 2015.

Motion made by Supervisor Hoyer, seconded by Supervisor Robinson to approve as modified noting Supervisor La Violette was present and not excused. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Comments from the Public. None.

Report from Human Services Chair, Patrick Evans

Evans noted that he saw the Fox 11 Investigates segment regarding the open office space within the County and he commented that some of the space is empty due to Family Care going out and he also noted that he is still against moving the Health Department to the Sophie Beaumont Building, but that is an executive decision. He has received some additional information on this and he will review it and then bring it forward.

1. Review Minutes of:

- a. **Aging & Disability Resource Center Board of Director's (September 24, 2015).**
- b. **Board of Health (August 25, 2015).**
- c. **Community Options Program Planning Committee (October 26, 2015).**
- d. **Mental Health Treatment Committee (September 24, 2015 and October 15, 2015).**
- e. **Veterans' Recognition Subcommittee (October 20, 2015).**

Motion made by Supervisor Hoyer, seconded by Supervisor La Violette to suspend the rules to take Items 1a-e together. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Supervisor Robinson, seconded by Supervisor La Violette to approve Items 1a-e. Vote taken.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Human Services Department

2. Executive Director's Report.

Human Services Director Erik Pritzl said his Director's Report contained in the agenda packet speaks for itself. He spoke briefly regarding the four-part initiative and said that more than anything it was a community effort to get

to that point. He felt County Board support was very strong and speaking from the Human Services side, he appreciates listening to the community and having them show the concern they did in moving it forward with the strong support. He also felt that this Committee has been in support of his department continuously and now he sees a lot of support across the whole Board.

Supervisor Robinson thanked Pritzl and his staff for working on this issue and collaborating with the community partners. This is appreciated and something that has impressed Robinson since Pritzl has been on staff. Robinson asked Pritzl what the timeline would be for any of the pieces of the initiative to move forward. Pritzl responded that he talked about this at one of the community groups earlier in the day. He felt that there are pieces that could be worked through in the first quarter of 2016. He said that the mobile crisis expansion is probably the easiest thing to look at implementing because it is really expanding an existing contract to put more services out from the vendor. Pritzl continued that there are also some procedure changes that are being proposed that need to be supported by the community in terms of how they work with law enforcement. He continued that it takes about 90 days to recruit and train staff and he felt that April 1 would be a good estimate as to a start date.

Robinson asked if any of the pieces will be on the agenda for the current Board and Pritzl responded that he felt things should be moving forward before the next election. He noted that some of the items will require RFPs and approval of vendors and site services and this will take some time. It is a matter of framing the whole proposal, getting approval and then going through the process. Robinson said it was important to spend the money wisely and that the details are worked out before it is brought forward. However, he noted that there was a 22 to 24 vote in support of this and he thought that any piece that could responsibly be moved forward by the March County Board meeting would be advisable.

Pritzl continued that the detox piece has a limited provider pool and a service where you know what is being bought. He said that it would pretty much be putting a contract in place to provide the services and this should not take a tremendous amount of time because of the limited providers. He noted that the transitional residential is a little more challenging because this should be done in conjunction with the detox part. His staff is working through this and applying for the program change and staffing plans to bring forward to the Committee. He felt that having this done during the first quarter is ambitious but not impossible.

Robinson said he is not trying to move this along in an inappropriate fashion, but he did feel there was some value in taking advantage of the support of the current Board. Pritzl stated that the day report center will be a little more involved and they continue to work on that piece. He noted that he has already had questions as to where a day report center would go, but noted that that would be up to the contracted provider to identify. La Violette asked who the possible contractors are and Pritzl responded that he thought it would be people experienced in doing this already, including the provider in Outagamie County which is Family Services or the provider for Waukesha and Milwaukee counties who may be interested in expanding.

Evans noted that he had met with Representative Rohraste who represents an area in Neenah and he is the chairman of the task force for Alzheimer's. The State is potentially looking at a CBRF for Alzheimer's patients and they discussed the possibility of using the CTC for this. Evans sent a letter to him showing support and to have initial discussions regarding this. Evans will keep the Committee advised in this regard, but does not expect to see anything until next year.

Motion made by Supervisor La Violette, seconded by Supervisor Robinson to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Review and Approval of Brown County Lease Agreement for Our Place Facility.

Pritzl said that Our Place is a County-owned building which is operated by Family Services. There are 18 beds and the facility serves primarily mental health consumers. These are people who are beyond the crisis stabilization piece where they have the diversion facility as well as Bay Haven and the CTC. The lease needs to be renewed

and that is why this is before the Committee at this time. Pritzl stated that the County leases the program to Family Services and the County places people in the facility.

Motion made by Supervisor La Violette, seconded by Supervisor Hoyer to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Financial Report for Community Treatment Center and Community Programs.

Motion made by Supervisor La Violette, seconded by Supervisor Hoyer to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Statistical Reports.

- a. CTC Staff – Double Shifts Worked.
- b. Monthly CTC Data – Bay Haven Crisis Diversion/Nicolet Psychiatric Hospital.
- c. Monthly Inpatient Data – Bellin Psychiatric Center.
- d. Child Protection – Child Abuse/Neglect Report.
- e. Monthly Contract Update.

Robinson noted that it appears that things are starting to turn around at Bay Haven. Hospital and Nursing Home Administrator Luke Schubert said that the census has grown, but since it is a short-term unit the census comes and goes, but noted that this is the first month the unit has been over half-full since opening. The census fluctuates between three and eight. Robinson asked what the increase is attributed to and Schubert responded that it is due to some changes in the admission process and breaking down some barriers to say yes more. He also noted that there is a new Director of Nursing that is embracing the culture of solving more difficult cases. Additionally, the charge nurse program that they have from 9 am to 9 pm provides consistency for intake of clients as well. Schubert stated that there has been a cultural change in understanding the mission and purpose and finding ways to say yes more to new or challenging situations.

Motion made by Supervisor Hoyer, seconded by Supervisor Haefs to suspend the rules to take Items 5a-e together. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Supervisor Robinson, seconded by Supervisor Hoyer to receive and place on file Items 5a-e. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Request for New Non-Continuous Vendor.

Motion made by Supervisor Robinson, seconded by Supervisor Hoyer to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Request for New Vendor Contract.

Motion made by Supervisor Hoyer, seconded by Supervisor Haefs to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Audit of bills.

Motion made by Supervisor Robinson, seconded by Supervisor Haefs to pay the bills. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. **Adjourn.**

Motion made by Supervisor Haefs, seconded by Supervisor Hoyer to adjourn at 5:50 pm. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

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